

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **£52,280 cost of breaching planning laws and successful £150,000 POCA confiscation order**

The owner of an unauthorised scrap yard in Four Crosses, Hatherton in South Staffordshire has been fined £24,000 and ordered to pay court costs of £28,280 at Birmingham Crown Court following the conclusion of a successful Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) application brought by South Staffordshire Council, supported by financial investigators at Birmingham City Council. Click [here](#) to read more.

- **NEW - Register to track planning applications**

You can now register to track planning applications in your area and receive updates when anything is updated through the 'My Account' portal. The new feature utilises your post code and shows all the planning applications in your area. Click [here](#) to find out more about how to access the Council's online services through 'My Account' and click [here](#) to register.

- **Local Plan Review 'Issues and Options' consultation - drop-in sessions**

All-day drop-in sessions from 10am to 7pm will be starting next week as part of the consultation on the Issues and Options for the Local Plan Review. Come along and speak to the Local Plans Team. Click [here](#) to find out more. Colleagues from other service teams will also be attending to promote the Council and our commercial and leisure services.

- **Cyber security awareness**

Following the recent cyber security training sessions for staff and Members, slides from the presentation are now available to view. Cyber security is a strategic risk for the authority and it is important that everyone is aware of the issues and how to protect themselves. If you didn't attend or you want to read up on the subject, please click [here](#) to view the slides.

- **Fly-tipping - triple success**

CCTV cameras installed by South Staffordshire Council are proving highly effective in gathering video evidence. In the past two months, the Enforcement team has prosecuted three fly-tipping offenders caught on CCTV camera deployed in fly-tipping hotspots. All three have been convicted at court and ordered to pay a total of £4,835.90 in fines and court costs. Click [here](#) to see some of the images.

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- **Please support the HR team's fundraising raffle**

Raffle tickets are now available to buy for the HR team's fundraiser next week on Thursday 8 November 2018 supporting St Giles Hospice in Walsall who cared for our much missed colleague Andrea Price. Tickets cost £1 a strip and click [here](#) to see a list of the prizes received so far. Cupcakes will also be available to buy on the day.

- **Winter Warmer offer now on**

If you're thinking of getting fit then today is the day to join the Council's Leisure Centres in Cheslyn Hay, Codsall, Penkridge and Wombourne. Join before Wednesday 14 November 2018 and pay only £10, then nothing more until January 2019. To join, visit your nearest Council Leisure Centre.

- **Trustees required**

South Staffs Work Clubs (SSWC) is a registered charity that operates seven work clubs across the district. The charity is looking for new Trustees to join their Board of Trustees - click [here](#) for more information about how to apply.

- **2018 - A time to remember the end of World War 1**

Free exhibition at Wombourne Council Chamber - Saturday 10 November 2018, 10am to 4pm

Come along to Wombourne Parish Council's Council Chamber (rear left of the Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne) for a free exhibition marking 100 years since the end of World War 1. The exhibition is being put on by Wombourne Parish Council in collaboration with Wombourne History Group and will showcase local memorabilia. Members of the History Group will be on hand to answer any questions, and there will be an interactive talk at 11am, 1pm and 3pm for approximately 15 minutes. Refreshments will be available along with ample, free parking.

Don't miss this chance to find out what villages in South Staffordshire were like at the end of World War 1 or whether South Staffordshire's horses went to war. For queries and more information, please contact the Parish Council Office on **01902 896300** or visit:

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- **Public showcase for new community room**

Come along and take a look at the new community room at Baggeridge Country Park on Saturday 10 November 2018 between 2pm and 4pm. Called the Lydiate Room, this spacious room measuring 10 by 10 metres with its own self-catering kitchen is a welcome addition to the park's facilities and is perfect for children's parties, functions, corporate meetings and events. Click [here](#) to find out more.

- **Become a Dementia Friend**

The Council is holding a Dementia Friends session starting at 11.30am on Friday 23 November 2018 at the Council Offices in Codsall. Learn more about how dementia affects a person and what you can do to make a difference. To book a place, email policyadmin@sstaffs.gov.uk or call **01902 696530**.

- **Home alone at Christmas**

The annual Christmas lunch for retired residents of the district takes place on Friday 21 December 2018 from midday to 2.30pm in the Academy Restaurant at the Council Offices in Codsall. The lunch is free for pensioners over the age of 60 who don't have friends or family visiting them on Christmas Day. Numbers are limited to 50 people so early application is recommended. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Review of polling district and polling places underway**

A full review of polling districts and polling places is underway and will conclude by the end of February 2019. Consultation is now open and if you wish to make any comments or suggestions please complete a submission. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Call out for volunteers**

The South Staffordshire Walking Programme needs volunteers to help lead or assist with walks on its local 'Ramblers Walking for Health' scheme as well as develop new routes and provide office support. Full training and support is given. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Spinning around raises £750 for charity**

Staff and customers at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre has been busy fundraising for charities this autumn. Well done to Kirstie Richards and her spin group at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre who raised £750 from their charity spin session, raffle and bake sale in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness.

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Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following public meetings are scheduled:

- **Wellbeing Select Committee** - Tuesday 6 November 2018 - 6pm - Council Chamber

- **5 Rating**

The following organisation has achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - The Greenhouse Kitchen at Codsall and Wergs Garden Centre in Codsall.

Everyone is encouraged to submit news items, please email: comms@sstaffs.gov.uk